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Jackson, TN- Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee announced today that George P. "Duke" Watkins, Jr. was sentenced today to 296 months in prison. He was convicted by a federal jury on June 17, 2002 of Seven counts of narcotics trafficking including heroin, ecstasy, and morphine. In addition, Watkins possessed a firearm during the drug trafficking crimes. U.S. District Court Judge James Todd handed down the lengthy sentence. Asst. U.S. Attorney Vic Ivy prsecuted the case. Harris and Ivy praised the work of the Madison County Metro Narcotics Team and the Jackson Police Department in removing a carrer offender from society.

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